SENATE BILL 1213

By Black

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 12, Chapter 4, Part 3, relative to public contracts.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 12-4-320, is amended by deleting subsection (b) in its entirety and by substituting instead the following:

(b) Upon the effective date of these regulations, the department of health shall reimburse such residential homes for the aged in the amount of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per day for each resident whose total income does not exceed eight hundred dollars (\$800) per month and whose income is limited to payments made under the social security act or supplemental security income (SSI) benefits. The department may promulgate regulations to certify these income limitations and upon which the facility may claim reimbursement.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 2009, the public welfare requiring it.